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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s):

At page 26, lines 11-14, please replace the paragraph with the following:

Tissue crosslinked with dialdehydes can be treated to remove the cytotoxicity. Preferred compositions for the treatment of aldehyde crosslinked tissue are described further in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application, serial number 09/480,437 to Ashworth et al., entitled "Biocompatible Prosthetic Tissue," incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending. By this Amendment, an error in the specification has been corrected. A copy of the Official Filing Receipt for application 09/480,437 is enclosed to